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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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INFO AMEMBASSY BERN

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SWEDEN TO OPEN EMBASSY IN NORTH KOREA

1. THE SWEDISH PRESS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT SWEDEN WILL OPEN AN EMBASSY IN PYONGYANG, NORTH KOREA, IN THE NEAR FUTURE. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA ARE CURRENTLY HANDLED THROUGH THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN PEKING, WHILE THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO IS ACCREDITED TO SOUTH KOREA. BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA HAVE EMBASSIES IN STOCKHOLM.

2. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED THE MFA OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF ASIA (BERGQUIST) TO DISCUSS SUBJECT. HE CONFIRMED THAT DECISION "IN PRINCIPLE" HAD BEEN MADE TO OPEN AN EMBASSY IN PYONGYANG, TO BE HEADED BY A CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, AND THAT

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DATE OF THIS MOVE WILL DEPEND UPON HOW SOON THE NORTH

KOREAN GOVERNMENT MAKES AVAILABLE FACILITIES FOR A CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE. BERGQUIST SAID THAT THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN PEKING WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCREDITED TO THE PYONGYANG GOVERNMENT. IN ANY CASE, HE NOTED, IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE EMBASSY WILL BE OPENED BEFORE EARLY NEXT YEAR. ASKED WHY THE MOVE WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME, BERGQUIST SAID THAT THE INCREASING VOLUME OF TRADE WITH NORTH KOREA HAD HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR AN EMBASSY IN PYONGYANG. IN THE CASE OF SOUTH KOREA, BERGQUIST ADDED, THERE IS NO PLANT TO CHANGE THE SITUATION, AND THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE IN SEOUL WILL CONTINUE AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, WITH THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO STILL ACCREDITED TO THE ROK.

3. IN CONCLUSION, BERGQUIST EMPHASIZED THAT DECISION TO OPEN EMBASSY IN PYONGYANG HAD NO SIGNIFICANCE FOR SWEDEN'S MEMBERSHIP ON NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION (NNSC). STRAUSS-HUPE

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